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CALIFORNIA, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR ADVERTISING CHILD PORN FOR TRADE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a California, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for advertising child pornography for trade online.

Larry Lee Petty, Jr., 30, of California, was charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Petty** published on Oct. 20, 2003, an advertisement in an Internet chat room called "100%PreTeenGirlSexPics," offering to receive, exchange, produce, display, distribute and reproduce visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Petty** knowingly transported by means of computer Internet visual depictions that contained minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on Oct. 20, 2003, after having been convicted of a Missouri State law violation relating to abusive sexual conduct involving a minor. **Petty** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for sexual assault of a minor.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Petty** attempted to receive child pornography on Oct. 20, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Petty** possessed one or more films, video tapes, and other matter that contained child pornography on March 15, 2004, after having been convicted of a Missouri State law violation relating to abusive sexual conduct involving a minor.

Count Five of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count which would require **Petty** to

forfeit any property used to commit the federal violations alleged in Counts One through Four. These items include five computer hard drives, two computer towers, one 35 mm camera, one digital camera and several floppy, "Zip" and compact discs.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys John E. Cowles and Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the United States Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockland County, N.Y., Sheriff's Department and the Moniteau County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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